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Editor, Washington Post,

His "A Double-Standard of Forgiveness?" (Post, Frb. 12) makes perfectly clear why John Ford Evans Jr. was the perfect choice for "assistant director of the Domestic Council in the Nixon administration."

Richard Helms "should still be considered an honorable and honored man" and "should not be indicted, or tried, or scorned" but "deserving of honor" because while he was "wrong" (dimunitive of felon and the violator of the most precious of American rights in his illegalities) all he did was to "follow the instructions of the [Watergating] Commander in Chief, in the firm belief that in so doing he was serving his country in a proud calling."

Hitler said it no better.

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